

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #60

Brexit preparations & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government is continuing to make new announcements which voluntary organisations can start to prepare for – see the latest news on Brexit and guidance on events and conferences below.

PREPARING FOR BREXIT

The Government has launched its new public information campaign, 'The UK's new start: let's get going'. This sets out what organisations and individuals need to do to prepare for the end of the Brexit transition period on 31 December 2020. Read the [Government's press release](#) for more information.

GUIDANCE ON EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Business events, conferences and event centres will be given the go-ahead to reopen on 1 October provided rates of infection remain at current levels. New guidance to be published by Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the Association of Event Organisers will help event organisers, venue operators and participants understand how they can work and host business events and conferences and keep both their guests and staff safe. More details can be found [here](#).

FREE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Clare Foundation is running three support programmes which are free for Buckinghamshire voluntary organisations:

- [Bid Writing Support Programme](#) offers two days of a bid writer's time to help not-for-profit organisations secure grants.
- [Charity Excellence Programme](#) provides tailored guidance and support to help not-for-profit organisations overcome challenges.
- [Development Programme – Strong Leadership in Uncertain Times](#) is a training programme which will upskill middle leaders on the key skills they will need as they face challenging times including how to develop resourcefulness during times of uncertainty.

#FundAlerts

To keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#). Three new funds are highlighted below:

- **Funding for projects benefiting Buckinghamshire residents:** not-for-profit organisations with an income of up to £250,000 can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 from the Bucks Coronavirus Stabilisation Fund. Grants can be made for immediate relief, particularly (but not exclusively) in local communities which experience a return to lockdown as a result of a spike in infections. Priority will be given to organisations which are reaching those at greatest risk of negative social, health or economic impact and/or who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. For more information and to apply, visit [Heart of Bucks](#).
- **Grants to support health and wellbeing activities:** grants of up to £5000 are available for voluntary organisations which provide health and wellbeing activities to vulnerable and disadvantaged people in areas local to Assura-owned healthcare buildings. Applications from organisations supporting people who may have experienced bereavement, trauma or mental health issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged. The application deadline is 14th September; for more information and to apply, visit [Assura Community Fund](#).
- **Funding for organisations supporting those at high risk from COVID-19:** the COVID-19 Community-Led Organisations Recovery Scheme offers grants up to £100,000 to community organisations which are facing financial difficulties caused by the pandemic. The scheme is aimed at organisations delivering services in their local community to support people who are at high risk from COVID-19; priority is being given to BAME-led or BAME-supporting organisations. The application window for each round of funding is open for a short time and we recommend you watch the [webinar](#) beforehand. Funding opens on Tuesday 4th August (10am-1pm) and Tuesday 11th August; to apply, go to [Power to Change](#).

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